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MOUNT MERCY ACADEMY

Dear Dianne
Best of luck in the next two years as you have had in the past two years. Keep up the good work in art
Love
Judy

Dear Diane,
Best of luck to a real nice kid, I really enjoyed having you sit in front of me in Eng. home room. Have fun this summer and if you ever come out my way stop in
always
Caleb

Dear Dianne,
Keep up the good Art work and the best luck to you always. I'll miss your voice this summer.
Bye,
Mary Ann
Marshall

Dear Dianne,
Always keep smiling, a smile is the best thing you can wear. Have a good summer and keep your chin up.
Love,
Connie

Dear Dianne,
Never forget the right Ann, you and I had a blast. My so called slumber parties. All the dances and Frankie Butler, Rick Austrance, Eric Rosenkrantz, Richie Dixon, Linda Constange, Ingalese - and of course

Ray "Ziggie"

Always!

Dear Dianne,
I've been so much fun in the Art Club, Mexico city, stuffing turkey balls, with you and Mr. Wood. Good luck in everything you attempt in your life. Loads of thanks for the years. God Bless and keep you
Love Ed, Lou
& Joe are quit trying

Dear Dianne, I'll miss you, Love, Dianne

Dear Dianne, I'll miss you, Love, Dianne

Dear Dianne, I'll miss you, Love, Dianne

GEN

Dear Brownie,
Here we are at the end of our Sophomore year already. It sure went fast. "Take it Easy" at Grand Haven this summer. (You almost made it there). Take it easy on Ray also, he's probably a good kid because you're sent with him for a long time. I hope you don't wreck too many cars this summer at drivers training, but if you do that's the breaks of life. I'll probably see you this summer at Grand Haven. Good luck in everything you do.

Sharon Johnson '61

Sharon Brown
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Dear Sharon,
Best of Luck next year and in your classes also I hope you don't pay too much attention to Dave and D. I hope you both can get out to G.H. this summer.
Lynda

Dear Diane,

It really has been fun sitting next to you in Biology, in spite of everything. It's a shame our trio will have to break up. I don't know how Sister Mercy could put up with us. Keep on thinking up those brilliant questions. After all, asking questions is a sign of an intelligent mind. (At least, that's what they say.)

Love,
Karen

Dear Intelligent Diane,
First years down & two to go. This year has been fun being in your classes. Take it easy this summer & I'll see you next fall (Rah-rah)
Loretta

Hi! Ha! I miss it!
Yours is here as well pal
(in me) really glad we
may not have been buddies
but your friendship was there
I needed it.
Seeing you
in the halls
all the time has
given me the suspic
ion (?) that yours
is the one who writes
that cute (but sneaky)
column in the school
paper.
So long
Peg if

Dear Jeannie (Joanne)
your notes were my letter
from heaven during the dreadful days
after Alan. A really funny letter is
what I needed. You are really
a true friend, a treat. Alan is a fun
time to think of in the future.
A heartthrob like always must have
for ANY one year. A hope next year
is not to be at this table with
you again, I miss your always funny
and funniest jokes. A hope things
work out for me this summer.
Yours Forever
Peg

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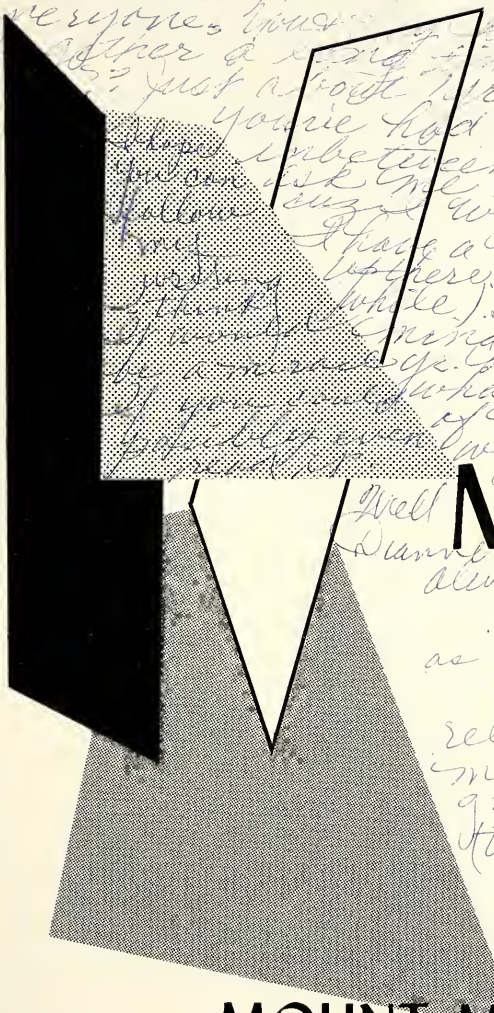

MERCIAN

MOUNT MERCY ACADEMY

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN XXIII

Dedication

VIVA IL PAPA! VIVA IL PAPA! The cry rings out and echoes again and again in the Square of Saint Peter. Angelo Cardinal Roncalli has become the two hundred sixty-second successor of Saint Peter, Pope John XXIII.

WE look to you with love, Your Holiness, for your work is that of caring for souls . . .

—— turn to you with faith; you are aware of the world situation . . .

—— wait anxiously for your decisions; we trust completely in your judgment . . .

—— unite with you in your great work for peace . . .

—— honor and respect you, Holy Father, devout priest and just man.

YOU are our Shepherd. To you we humbly dedicate the summary of our school year, our MERCIAN.

To a girl with all her bottons good luck.

Jim '60

ON, MERCIANS, ONWARD!

Mercians all! We strive to honor our name
A heritage from Our Blessed Mother's fame.
Onward to victory! Symbols of purity!
We live for the truth and ideals for which she stands.
From ev'ry town and state and city too,
United we hail Mount Mercy's White and Blue.
With pride in your teachings true,
We'll ever be loyal to you, Mount Mercy!

Here we come ev'ry Mercian,
Emblems of honor true.
While we, with our colors flying high,
Give voice to our great esteem for you.
We hope and trust in Mount Mercy,
We pledge to your standards ever high.
And we'll always sing as we go down life's way:
"She's our Mother, our guiding light."

On! Mercians, onward!
Yearning and learning for life!
On! striving for justice,
Battling evil and strife!
On! Mercians, onward!
Courageously living for Christ!

Music - Sister Mary Vincent, R.S.M.
Lyrics - M. H. and Members of the Mount Mercy Glee Club, 1945

Foreword

MERCIANS ALL! Here is a phrase that strikes and swells the heart of every Mercian. Eternally proud of her title, she is gloriously happy to be among the chosen who are true Mercians. Knowing that her name is a "heritage from our Blessed Mother's fame" makes every daughter of Mercy strive through the dungeons of oppression to honor her meaningful and historical title. Gallantly pushing through the shadows of materialism, her heart and mind expressively shout: "I am not going to lose; I am going to conquer and teach others to conquer this anti-Christ in the form of worldly evils. I shall fight forever---ONWARD TO VICTORY!

Between the covers of this book, interweaving the love and honor of grateful Mercians, lies the Mercian song, a creed exemplified in daily loves, works, and joys. As heart and soul expressions, these are not simply printed pages but a mirror of the life of a memory. Endeavoring to glorify God always, the thought will remain clear in mind and heart. . .

ONCE A MERCIAN,
ALWAYS A MERCIAN!

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Faculty

Reverend Hugh M. Beahan
Chaplain
Religion
Spiritual Counselor

Sister Mary Constance, R.S.M.
Principal
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Senior Homeroom Teacher

Sister Mary Alphonse, R.S.M.
English, Religion
Publications Adviser
Junior Homeroom Teacher

Sister Mary Edmund, R.S.M.
Study Hall Teacher
Assistant Librarian

Sister Mary Huberta, R.S.M.
Piano, Religion
Freshman Homeroom Teacher

Sister Mary Inez, R.S.M.
World History
Study Hall Teacher

Sister Mary Loyola, R.S.M.
Home Economics, English
Junior Homeroom Teacher

Sister Mary Mercy, R.S.M.
Biology, Chemistry
Sophomore Homeroom Teacher

Sister Mary Paschal, R.S.M.
Art, English, Religion
Freshman Homeroom Teacher

Sister Mary Placide, R.S.M.
Business Manager
Commercial

Sister Mary Rachelle, R.S.M.
Latin, Speech
Sodality Moderator
Sophomore Homeroom Teacher

Sister Mary Regina, R.S.M.
Study Hall Teacher

Theodora Hunt Segar
Physical Education

Sister Mary Stephen, R.S.M.
Librarian

NOT PICTURED -

Sister Mary Annunciata, R.S.M.
History, Government,
Sociology

Sister Mary Eustacia, R.S.M.
Eighth Grade Teacher

Sister Mary Roch, R.S.M.
Algebra, French

Sister Mary Vincent, R.S.M.
Piano, Voice, Glee Club

Rose A. Obiedzinski
Study Hall Teacher

Dear Diane,
bless you, (with the painters!)
(and red hair!)
Sister Mary Mercy, R.S.M.

Dear Diane, continue
may your career to be
full development,
Keep God the foremost
in all your endeavors!
Rochelle,
Sister Mary R.S.M.

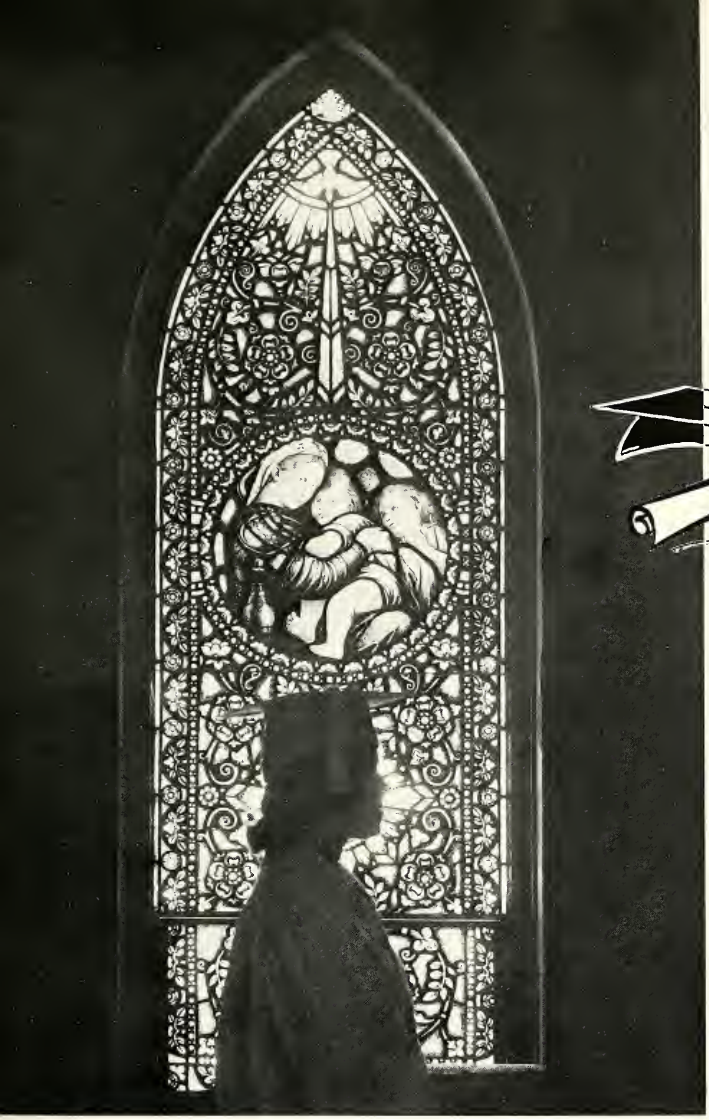
MOUNT MERCY

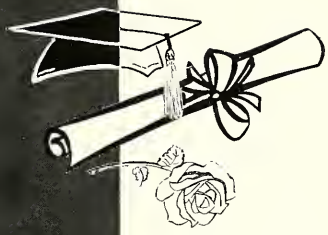
Campus Snaps

Autumn leaves fall but Mercian spirits rise as the school year begins. As each day progresses the campus assumes a different aspect. The student entrance, like a castle door, emerges taller and straighter through the leafless trees.

The white sparkle of winter creates a hushed atmosphere on our campus. As the dawn breaks over the newly-fallen snow, Mercians come walking lightly into a new school day.

The gentle April showers brighten the grass while buds open up everywhere. The sun shining in the pale blue sky begins to lighten the day for every Mercian. It's Springtime at the Mount.





On! Mercians, Onward!

1959
Honor Graduates

Valedictorian - - - - -

LINDA KATHLEEN O'HEARN

Salutatorian - - - - - -

BARBARA ANN KANTON

Chosen for notable achievement in qualities of character, scholarship, leadership and cooperation outstanding students are elected to the National Honor Society. NHS members of the Class of 1959 are the valedictorian, Linda O'Hearn and the salutatorian, Barbara Kanton, Bonnie Woods, Joyce K. Swierbut, Estelle Dobbins, Edith Couturier, Toni Adams, and Rebecca Callanan.

CLASS MOTTO - Each for each other and all for God.

CLASS COLORS - Mint green and ivory

CLASS FLOWER - The Rose

Class of 1959

Linda Kathleen O'Hearn
St. Mary Parish, Marne

Rare and sincere...a gracious leader...

Senior Class President

Transferred from Berlin High School, Marne, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honors, Senior President, Sophomore Secretary, Sodality, Latin Club, Tri-Sci, N.C.T.C., Thespians, HILLTOP Staff, Glee Club, G.A.A.

Gloria Jean Obiedzinski
St. Isidore Parish

Gold--the essence of her heart...

Senior Class Vice-President

Transferred from Marywood Academy, Sodality, Y.C.S., Senior Class Vice-President, HILLTOP Business Manager, Latin Club, Writers' Club, G.A.A.

Senior Class Officers

Rebecca Ann Callanan
St. Mary Parish, Marne

Einstein's protege...

Senior Class Secretary

Transferred from Catholic Central High School, Scholastic Honors, Senior Secretary, Perfect Attendance, Sodality, Tri-Sci, HILLTOP Staff, Writers' Club, N.C.T.C., G.A.A.

Carolyn Joan Kaleta
St. Isidore Parish

A little miss, yet mischievous...

Senior Class Treasurer

Transferred from St. Mary Academy, Milwaukee, Senior Treasurer, Sodality, French Club, N.C.T.C.

Toni Anne Adams
SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A sense of responsibility mingled with a carefree nature...

Scholastic Honors, Y.C.S., Latin Club, Tri-Sci, MERCIAN Editor, Writers' Club, N.C.T.C., Thespian, G.A.A., Future Nurses, Future Homemaker Award

Karyl Rae Armock
Holy Family Parish, Sparta

Her smile a treasure in our memory castle...

Sodality, Y.C.S., Latin Club, Glee Club, G.A.A.

Carol Jean Bustraan
St. Anthony Parish

A sweet, demure kind of nature...

Y.C.S., Latin Club, Tri-Sci, Senior President of Glee Club, Future Nurses, G.A.A.

Theresa Ann Bailey
SS. Peter and Paul Parish

Unpredictable...nonchalant... gay-hearted...

Freshman Vice-President, Sophomore President, Y.C.S., Latin Club, Tri-Sci, MERCIAN Staff, Writers' Club, N.C.T.C., Glee Club, G.A.A., Future Nurses

Edith Lee Couturier
Immaculate Conception Parish
Traverse City

A heart that grows bigger as she shares it...

Scholastic Honors, Y.C.S., Latin Club, French Club, Tri-Sci, MERCIAN Assistant Editor, HILLTOP Staff, Writers' Club, N.C.T.C., Thespians, Glee Club, G.A.A., Future Nurses, Youth Talent Award

Jacqueline Cheslock
St. Adalbert Parish

Full of humorous anecdotes and always ready to tell them...

Sophomore Secretary, Y.C.S., MERCIAN Staff, N.C.T.C., Glee Club, Brush and Palette, G.A.A.

Patricia Ann Dondzila
Sacred Heart Parish

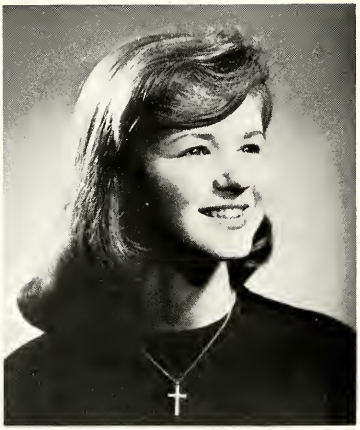
Her laugh worth a thousand grins in any market...

Scholastic Honors, Y.C.S., Latin Club, MERCIAN Staff, Writers' Club, Glee Club, Brush and Palette, G.A.A., Future Nurses

Estelle Mary Dobbins
St. James Parish, Montague

Capable, potential, atomic... woman of tomorrow...

National Honor Society, Scholastic Honors, Student Council Treasurer, Sodality Prefect, Y.C.S., Latin Club, French Club, Tri-Sci, HILLTOP Staff, N.C.T.C., Thespians, Glee Club, G.A.A., Piano



Jean Ann Fochtman
St. James Parish

Serene in her way--she's living her life day by day...

Scholastic Honors, Student Council Representative, Latin Club, HILLTOP Staff, G.A.A.

Patricia Lou Dondzila
Sacred Heart Parish

A ray of sunshine in everyone's heart...

Sophomore Treasurer, Y.C.S., Latin Club, Tri-Sci, HILLTOP Staff, N.C.T.C., Glee Club, G.A.A. President

Justine Joan Gerulis
Sacred Heart Parish

Ready for anything--work or play...

Scholastic Honors, Y.C.S., Latin Club, French Club, Tri-Sci, MERCIAN Staff, G.A.A.

Sue Ann Francis
Blessed Sacrament Parish

Books her window to the world...

Transferred from Creston High School, Latin Club, HILLTOP Staff

Mary Louise Gryga
St. Adalbert Parish

The one who put the chat in chatter...

Y.C.S., Latin Club, Tri-Sci, HILLTOP Staff, Writers' Club, N.C.T.C. President-Senior Year, Thespians, Future Nurses, G.A.A., Perfect Attendance

Barbara Jeanne Gietzen
Assumption Parish, Belmont

A lovely brown-eyed mademoiselle--a stenographer supreme...

Scholastic Honors, Freshman Treasurer, Sophomore Vice-President, HILLTOP Press Superintendent, Brush and Palette, Perfect Attendance

Janice Magdelyn Grzeszak
St. Isidore Parish

A quiet nature echoing a winning personality...

Latin Club, Tri-Sci, G.A.A., Future Nurses

Clairice Marie Grzeszak
Sacred Heart Parish

Reserved in manner--but a true friend...

Y.C.S., Latin Club, G.A.A., Future Nurses

Madeleine Lee Haraburda
Sacred Heart Parish

Classic dignity...

Perfect Attendance, Y.C.S., Latin Club, G.A.A.

Mary Madeleine Heibel
St. Francis Xavier Parish

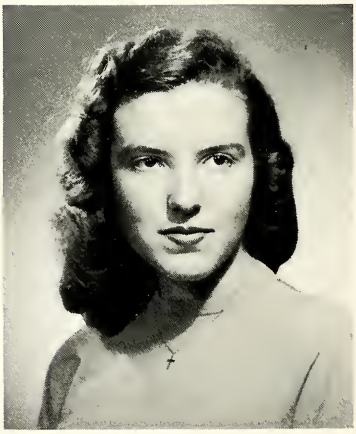
Whatever she does she does well...

Scholastic Honors, Student Council President, Y.C.S., Tri-Sci, HILLTOP Staff, N.C.T.C., G.A.A., Future Nurses

Barbara Ann Kanton
SS. Peter and Paul Parish

The "what-will-we-do-without-her" type...

National Honor Society, Scholastic Honors, Freshman President, Junior President, Sodality, Latin Club, French Club, Tri-Sci, MERCIAN Production Manager, HILLTOP Staff, Glee Club, Music Graduate, G.A.A.



Patricia Ann Hula
St. Isidore Parish

Artistic ability--earnest and able...

Scholastic Honors, Perfect Attendance, Y.C.S., Latin Club, Tri-Sci, MERCIAN Art Editor, G.A.A., Youth Talent Award

Judith Bernadette Kishkorn
St. James Parish

Fun her forte; study her fortitude...

Transferred from Catholic Central High School, Y.C.S., Latin Club, N.C.T.C., Brush and Palette, G.A.A.

Audrey Mae Marie Kiers
St. James Parish

A newcomer whose wit and worth soon made her one of us...

Transferred from Villa Maria Academy, Senior Sociai Secretary, Glee Club, G.A.A.

Nancy Lou Kosmatka
St. James Parish

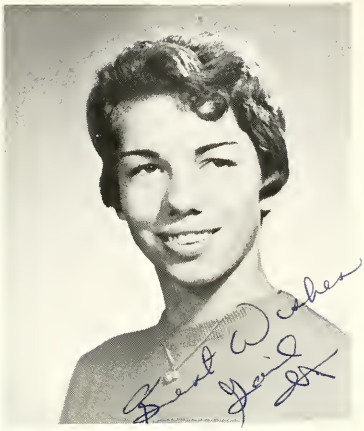
Spark of life--twinkle in her eye...

Transferred from Catholic Central High School, Student Council Representative, G.A.A., Future Nurses

Therese Marie Koltak
St. Anthony Parish

Hard to get down but harder to keep down...

Student Council Representative, Latin Club, French Club, Tri-Sci, Brush and Palette, G.A.A.



Mary Therese Meeter
Blessed Sacrament Parish

Pleasing personality, winning way, fun loving, nice to be with...

Latin Club, MERCIAN Advertising Manager, HILLTOP Staff, Writers' Club, G.A.A., Future Nurses

Gail Alicia LeBlanc
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

A pentagon of tricks, talents, and trades...

Latin Club, French Club, Brush and Palette, G.A.A.

Maxine Annette Roszkoski
St. Mary Parish

Twelve long years a Mercian, dancing heart...

French Club, Brush and Palette, G.A.A.

Joanne Catherine Pupel
St. Adalbert Parish

Serious but fun loving, petite but potent...

Latin Club, Tri-Sci, Brush and Palette, G.A.A., Future Nurses

Barbara Ann Sadowski
St. Adalbert Parish

Keen sense, common sense, some time for nonsense...

Scholastic Honors, Student Council Vice-President, Junior Class Vice-President, Perfect Attendance, Y.C.S., Latin Club, Tri-Sci, HILL-TOP Editor, Writers' Club, N.C.T.C., Future Nurses, G.A.A.

Ruth Eileen Reinhard
Grace Episcopal Church

Intelligence seasoned with humor for all occasions...

Transferred from East Grand Rapids High School, French Club, Glee Club, G.A.A.

Carole Ann Seymour
St. Francis Xavier Parish

Soft spoken with qualities endearing her to friends...

Tri-Sci, Brush and Palette, G.A.A.

Merrie Carol Schumaker
St. Alphonsus Parish

A good nature conquering all...

Sodality, Latin Club, G.A.A.

Joyce Kean Swierbut
Sacred Heart Parish

Sober but not serious, quiet but not idle...

Scholastic Honors, Sodality, Student Council Senior Representative, French Club, Latin Club, Tri-Sci, HILLTOP Staff, N.C.T.C., Glee Club, G.A.A.

Annette Louise Szyszko
Holy Spirit Parish

Capable, dignified, makes a typewriter talk...

Scholastic Honors, Junior Class Treasurer, Student Council Representative, Tri-Sci, Latin Club, HILLTOP Staff, N.C.T.C., Glee Club, Future Nurses, Writers' Club, G.A.A.

Barbara Jean Wright
St. Mary Parish

With a manner as natural as her curls...

Y.C.S., Tri-Sci, Glee Club, Brush and Palette, G.A.A., Future Nurses

Bonnie Jo Woods
St. Jude Parish
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Ambition sprayed with music...

Scholastic Honors, National Honor Society, Sodality Vice-Prefect, Y.C.S., Junior Class Secretary, Latin Club, Tri-Sci, HILLTOP Staff, MERCIAN Staff, G.A.A., Music Graduate

Mercians All!

Class Officers

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SOPHOMORES
PRESIDENT Karen Schumaker
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SECRETARY Mary Baughman
TREASURER Jeanne Chulski

FRESHMEN
PRESIDENT Judith Joswick
VICE-PRESIDENT Donna Bailey
SECRETARY Joyce Masalkowski
TREASURER Sandra Muraski

Dear Bros,

Class of 1960

"Wager"

S. Alt

B. Arsulowicz

C. Augustyn

S. Badaluco

G. Bartz

V. Benzer

A. Bonczyk

S. Boulet

J. Bustraan

R. Carr

M. Covell

S. Craig

M. A. Dara

D. Daukszа

B. Fennell

K. Ferguson

M. Fochtman

S. Fochtman

M. Gedris

S. Gilewski

P. Glownia

K. Goggins

Recollections of a full and happy year linger in the minds of Juniors as they eagerly look forward to the important role they are to play in 1959-1960 as Seniors.

M. Graham

D. Hansen

B. Heitz

M. Heyboer

K. Kampfschulte

M. Kennedy

A. Kleff

C. Kozlowski

C. Krieger

G. Kujawa

M. Lamoreaux

C. Lang

J. Laszewski

F. Lombardo

P. Lowell

L. Maggini

P. Majewski

J. Martinaitis

D. Meyer

P.Napieralski

P.Napieralski

S.Napieralski

J. Norder

R. Ogren

M. Oosdyke

M. Platte

M. Preston

S. Pryor

V. Raap

C. Radecki

M. Rau

M. Rayhert

J. Rizzon

N. Rupprecht

N. Schindler

K. Siegel

K. Stowe

J. Strzalko

L.VandenBerg

D. Ward

P. Wasilewski

E. Waters

S. White

D. Wills

C. Alt

S. Anikowski

P. Anisko

A. Bala

M. Barto

M. Baughman

S. Braun

C. Bronkema

Clas

D. Brown

M. Buffin

L. Burocki

E. Butler

J. Chulski

L. Coffey

M. Diskey

S. Dykstra

M. Fennell

N. Graham

G. Heitz

E. Host

M. Ignasiak

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J. Ingersoll

S. Johnson

C. Knauf

M. Konkle

S. Larson

L. Lipinski

M. A. Markham

M. L. Markham

P. Makowski

J. E. Martin

J. M. Martin

B. Mason

S. McClatchey

D. Miller

J. Moore

J. Olewinski

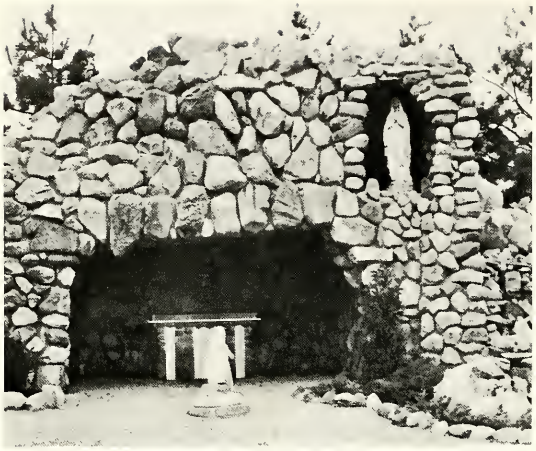
M. Peters

C. Piechocki

C. Platte

L. Platte

M. Przelomski



Sophomores find Our Lady's grotto a source of inspiration.

S. Quinn

B. Rakiec

M. Redlon

B. Robach

J. Robinson

B. Rollins

S. Schindler

N. Schoenborn

S. Schuitema

K. Schumaker

J. Smith

L. Steffes

M. Terakowski

K. Tobin

E. Tisch

L. Truszkowski

G. Weber

P. Wierzbicki

P. Zickus

D. Bailey

D. Barecki

A. Bogaski

J. Burchduff

M. Burton

Class of 1962

P. Colton

N. Dimavicius

M. Duba

S. Felicioni

M. Fix

S. Forsythe

E. Fron

L. Gabert

P. Gerulis

K. Gietzen

K. Herman

M. Hillary

M. Hoffman

P. Hotovy

P. Johnson

M. Johnson

R. Johnson

Freshmen start the day with prayer...
The Mercy Way...

S. Johnson

J. Joswick

B. Jurewicz

J. Kennedy

M. Kowalczyk

M. Kruer

M. G. Kumko

M. K. Kumko

C. Kuno

M. Kuslikis

C. Lipscomb

B. Malek

J. Masalkoski

M. McDermott

S. McDonald

K. Mickna

B. Mlynarchek

S. Muraski

C. O'Hearn

P. Omilian

J. Peterson

B. Price

M. Reens

L. Rock

M. B. Ruth

M. Schmidt

S. Schumaker

M. Siedlecki

S. Siegel

J. Skinner

A. Smith

J. Stokes

K. VanLoo

J. VanOeffelen

B. White

Dear Diane
Good luck to
a real cute kid
as ever
Mary Chris

Class of 1963

D. Base

C. Buege

C. Carter

J. Carter

K. Diskey

K. Felicioni

CLASS OFFICERS

President: M. Ruth; Vice President: J. Thiefels; Secretary: D. Base; Treasurer: S. Ollis

S. Gerke

J. Gorecki

M. Leonard

R. Lewis

G.Lyons

L. Miller

S. Ollis

M. A. Ruth

J. Thiefels

We Live For The Truth
And Ideals For Which She Stands.

Bible study includes much more than reciting quotations. The Freshman along with Sister Mary Huberta listen as Shirley Siegel tells the story behind a quote.

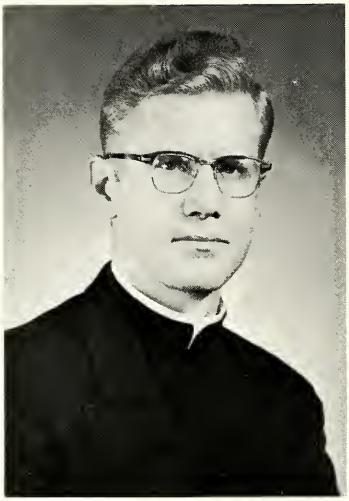
Sharon Johnson reads an important article from Catholic News as the Sophomore class listens with attention to every word.

RELIGION, the core of Mt. Mercy curriculum, highlights and illumines the entire spirit of the Academy. The principle, "Without God you can do nothing," is reflected in every activity.

Church history and the basic tenets of Religion constitute religious instruction for all underclassmen while the Seniors under Rev. Hugh M. Beahan's direction examine the science of apologetics."Is there one God?" "Define causality."Ask Seniors. They know. They learn to defend and explain Catholic doctrine.

D. Ward lights Advent candles for daily preparation for Christmas in the Junior Homeroom 202.

Retreat



Father Forde, S.J., is the inspiring retreat master for the Juniors and Seniors.

The Junior and Senior retreat takes on a special meaning as the day of embarkment into the world outside school draws near. The role God has planned for His young Catholic women to follow is very skillfully and tenderly exposed in conferences given by the Retreat Master. The retreatants learn that womanhood is a glorious gift of God which is rich in the rewards it offers and strict in the responsibilities it demands. Perfection in Mary's way is the goal of young Models of Mary.

The Juniors pray the rosary devoutly, as just one way of showing praise to God during the yearly retreat at Mount Mercy.

Retreat is the time to draw closer to God, to become perfect in the love and practice of Catholic principles. Through conferences, spiritual reading, and personal reflection, comes the knowledge of the infinite value of Catholic Faith. The students resolve to lead holier lives, to be sure that they become fitting temples of the Holy Spirit.

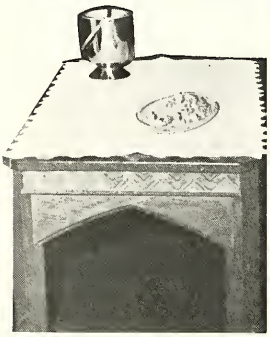
Rev. Walter Kaelin, C.P., Passionist Father from Detroit, who strengthened the Freshmen and Sophomores in their devotion to Our Lord, Jesus Christ, enlightened their minds once again with God's divine love.

V. Benzer, student organist, accompanies the singing for Mass and Benediction.

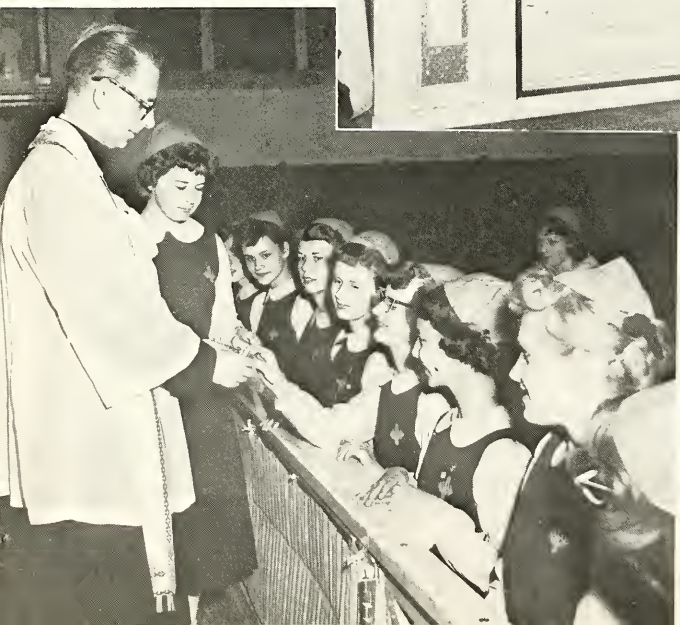
The Catholic Way of Life is no mere fiction with Mount Mercy girls. Religious activities top the list by preference and the true Mercian spirit always shows through.

Barbara Arsulowicz and Kay Kampfschulte, who voluntarily take Chapel duty, daily and silently give to God an act of love and honor.

Class rings are valued by all high school students. With the blessing of God upon them, they become precious.



Kay Kampfschulte, Junior, prepares the altar for Holy Mass.



Father Beahan distributes the souvenirs of school days to eager, happy Juniors who accept their blessed rings thankfully.

Sodality

Sodality life is a wonderful one here at Mount Mercy. The spirit of love and zeal that encourages each member is reflected throughout the school. Both spiritual and apostolic action are observed. The annual rosary procession, Mission Day, Thanksgiving and Easter gifts to the Little Sisters, Easter baskets, and the crowning of Our Lady are Sodality-sponsored events in which the whole school takes part.

"Indeed in propagating, spreading, and defending Catholic doctrine the (Sodalities of Our Lady) must be considered among the most powerful spiritual forces; and that for several reasons."

--Apostolic Constitution

Sodality Moderator, Sister M.Rachelle Vice-Prefect, B. Woods; Treasurer, S. Alt; Prefect, E. Dobbins; and M. B. Kennedy, Secretary; search the globe, wondering where their Mission Day receipts will have the best results.

MERCIANS LOVE THE MARY MONTHS - OCTOBER AND MAY

Strains of "Oh, Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today," echo through the halls of Mount Mercy as young hearts swell in praise of the Immaculate Mother of Jesus. Mary, Queen of Heaven, is crowned with love by all Mercians and with blossoms by the hands of one Mercian, Estelle Dobbins, Prefect of the Sodality.

A beloved tradition at the Mount is the annual rosary procession, the rosary our way to Jesus through Mary. The entire school participates in this tribute to the Virgin Mary. They please her Divine Son, Jesus Christ by showing love to His Mother.

MY FAIR LADY, the Sodality spring party, proudly honors God-given Mothers. Pictured mother-daughter combinations are Mrs.Raymond Dondzila and Patti Ann; Rebecca and Mrs. Robert Callanan; Mrs. Walter White and Sharon; Mrs. James Oosdyke and Mary Kaye.

Y.C.S.

Weekly discussions of problems and solutions serves as a means to promote the aim of the YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS - the bettering of student and parent-teen relationships.

YCS officers confer on convention details: Mary K. Oosdyke and Patricia Wasilewski,junior leaders; Mary Beth Kennedy and Marie Gedris,co-representatives.

YCS activities bring Dad into the teen social picture. All ready for the annual Father-Daughter Dance are Mercians and their favorite escorts: Mr.Bernard Barto andMarianne; Mr. John Arsulowicz and Barbara; Mr.Richard Kanton and Barbara; Mr. Martin Wright and Barbara.

REVEREND HUGH MICHAEL BEAHAN - Chaplain at Mount Mercy, divides his time between school, television and radio, and counseling. In addition to being a member of the Faculty, Father is also a prominent TV personality and radio diso jockey.

Preparation for FIFTEEN WITH FATHER TV Mass, preparing and taping Sunday's FATHER MICHAEL'S MUSIC ROOM, plus a host of other aotivities make a full schedule.

Although his day is a busy one, Father always has time to lend a sympathetic ear and give a word of advice to those who come to him to talk things over.

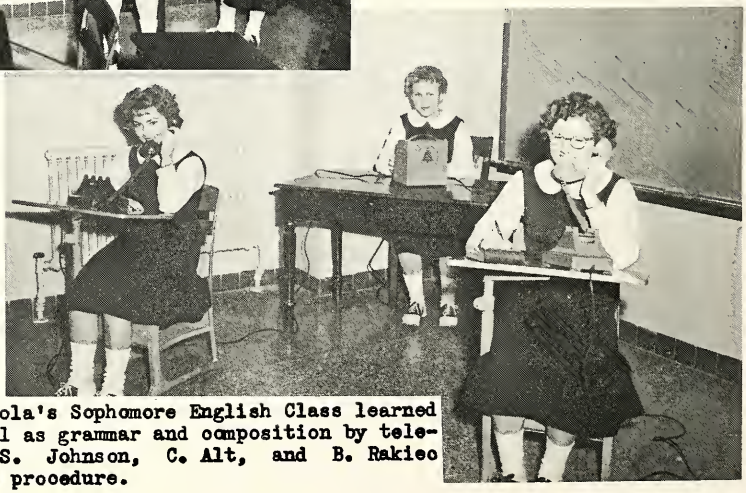
Yearning And Learning For Life!

English is an integral part of the life of every Mercian. If it's a play, it's a lark; if it's a term paper, that's another matter! Essays and poems are fun to read and even writing them can be an adventure. Literature the Rhetoric side of the English story. WHO-WHOM, LIE-LAY, TO-TWO-TOO, remain perennial problems.

M. Covell, S. Fochtman, J. Norder, S. Napieralski, and S. Pryor examine the next Teen-Age Book Club selections, a favorite source of extra reading for book reports.

English

Producing a television show for English class proved to be fun. A. Kleff, G. Bartz, and S. Badaluco accuse the scoundrel, played by V. Benzer in The Ghost Patrol.



Sister Mary Loyola's Sophomore English Class learned courtesy as well as grammar and composition by telephone skits. S. Johnson, C. Alt, and B. Rakieo demonstrate the procedure.

Enacting tense scenes from Macbeth are N.Kosmatka, R. Reinhard, R. Callanan, B.Kanton and E.Dobbins.

P.A.Dondzila, B.Woods, L.O'Hearn turn their hand to mix a witches brew.

Invading the library in search of material for that first term paper, Seniors test their questioning spirit.

J. Olewinski lectures on Roman civilization.

M.B. Ruth, M.K. Johns B. Malek, M.Kuslikis, Latin come to life in nation of Christians.

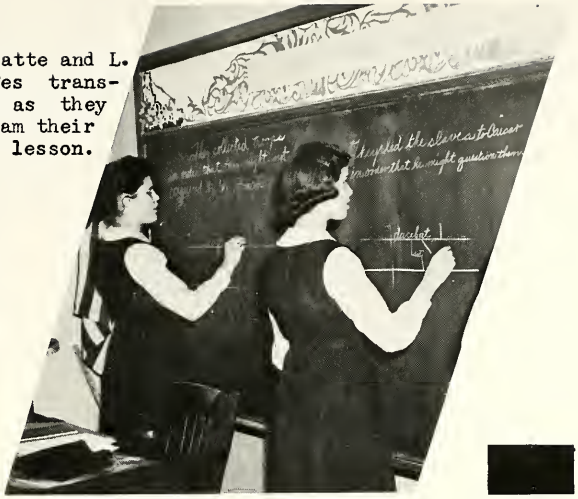
Latin

Latin brings more rules. The road to Rome is a long one paved with conjugations and declensions to conquer. Mastering the language doesn't call for Caesar's war tactics, but at times translating and diagramming Latin sentences is a tussle.Great leaders and the parts they played in the moving history of Rome help to make this an exciting subject.

Using the new French text library S. Badaluco, D. Meyer, D. Ward, D.Hansen, P. Ogren, M.B. Kennedy, and M. Preston select French reading.

Joswick, M. McDermott, lton, and M. Duba make y entitled "An Exami-

C. Platte and L. Steffes translate as they diagram their Latin lesson.



French

Along with grammar and vocabulary, students in the French class study the cultural aspects of France. A study of life, customs, and traditions of another country broadens the mind and aids in the cultural development of the individual.

Planning for a French Club are Seniors: J. Gerulis, M. Schumaker, E. Couturier, R. Reinhard, C. Kaleta K. Armook, and B. Kanton.

Sociology

In the second semester of one's senior year, a panoramic view of a new field is opened to inquiring students. Sociology, taking its place on the schedule, imparts a knowledge of the duties which Christians, as citizens of two worlds, find to be their responsibilities. Faced with so many modern ideologies, false and true, the student must leave high school well instructed.

A bulletin board depicting differences in lives based on secularism and those which revolve around God was constructed as a class project. B. Sadowski and N. Kosmatka are eager and willing to expatiate on the information afforded through the completed bulletin board.

History

Freshmen taught by SisterM. Inez, R.S.M., find that panel discussions point up many interesting lights on history topics. Fortified with text books, magazine articles and editorials, Nijole Dimavicius, Patricia A. Johnson, Marilyn Schmidt, Mary Burtch, Kathleen

Herman, Patricia Gerulis, and Janice Skinner present a report on prehistoric man.

Marie Gedris, Marlene Heyboer, Diana Ward, and Judith Strzalko of Sister M. Annunciata's American History class interviewed Mrs. Eliza Miller, a Negro former slave who is 110 years old and now a resident of Grand Rapids. In providing a wealth of information about

plantation life, Mrs. Miller made her visitors aware that history is real and vital.

In an interview, Congressman Jerry Ford explains the fundamentals of American Government to T. Adams, S. A. Francis and B. Gietzen of the Senior class.

Mr. Ford describes the tedious work of Government to Seniors.

Government

History is a review of the past and a preparation for the future. Hours spent in critical study of American Government do not seen long as the students realize the importance of being good citizens. Mayor Stanley Davis and Representative Gerald R. Ford stress this point and others in lively and educating interviews.

B. Sadowski, J. Swierbut and B. Kanton from the American Government class obtain a Seal of the U.S. from the mayor.

Home Economics

C.Krieger, A.Kleff watch as J. Grzeszak marks the hem of K. Ferguson's new chemise dress.

"Yes, seams must be pressed", V.Benzer tells K. Siegel.

R. Carr readies material to stitch as M.Roszkowski finishes the pellon lining of a circular skirt.

M. Buffin, L. Lipinski, L. VandenBerg, M. Ignasiak carefully cut cotton for cobbler aprons.

Engrossed in cookie making are experts M.L. Fochtman, F.Lombardo, K. Goggins, P. Napieralski and C. Kozlowski.

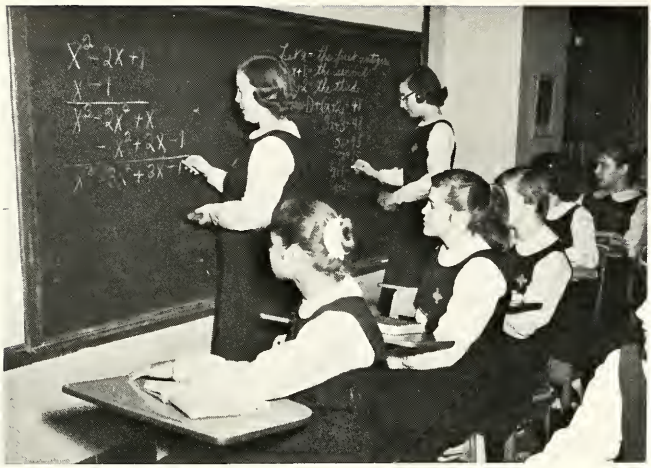
Seniors M. Schumaker, C. Seymour, R. Reinhard and B. Wright set a lovely table.

Christian family unity is the ultimate responsibility of womanhood, and that is the torch to the future for Mount Mercy Home Economists. Well prepared for their task will be the Clothing students who are mastering details of selection of materials, pattern placing, cutting, basting, stay- stitching and even advanced procedures such as bound button holes and tailoring.

On the side of nutrition, the Foods students may "experiment" in the laboratory but they learn to plan, prepare, and serve nutritious meals. Usually there is evidence of their efforts by way of fragrant aromas or samples, even show case displays.

The future homemakers of Mt. Mercy are equipped to serve God and humanity in their own homes or as career women with prudence and care; wisdom and love.

Mathematics



Carol O'Hearn and Bernadette Mlynarchek demonstrate the fundamentals of algebra as M. Fix, J. Masalkowski, M. Hoffman, and D. Bailey look on attentatively.

Mathematics is a practical science originating from the practical needs of man. The need for a consistent and workable method of counting and measuring led ancient races to develop a system of numbers. Mastering the techniques of this system may present its problems, but the diligent worker will be rewarded by acquiring knowledge in a subject that is a basis for almost any occupation that may be chosen.

Courses in algebra, geometry and trigonometry give the students an opportunity to develop the desirable trait of logical thinking.

In the sophomore geometry class Nancy Schoenborn explains a complicated geometric problem to K.Schumaker, P.Wierzbicki, J. Moore, and S. Schindler.

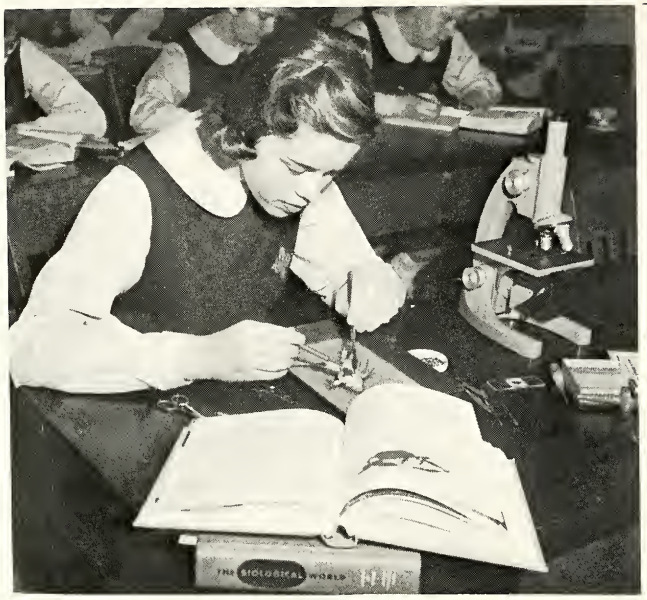
Proudly explaining the informative bulletin board in Room 107, Jenny Bustraan and Patricia Ann Dondzila point out practical applications of mathematics.

Mercians find in advanced mathematics a personal challenge and a fascination. This is evident in the numbers of students who elect solid geometry and trigonometry and in the enthusiasm with which new "discoveries" are discussed.

Here are a few asides overheard: "I had never dreamed that details of our super highway were all figured out so completely before construction was even begun!" "Blueprint construction looks like a promising career for a math-minded girl!" . . . and on and on. Worth the concentration and study? Mercians think so.

Sister Mary Constance shows trigonometry students the intricacies of the slide rule. Apt learners are J. Norder, D. Ward, R. Callanan, L. O'Hearn, S. A. Francis, B. Woods, E. Dobbins, and B. Kanton.

Biology



An adventure in discovery absorbs L.Steffes as she traces the digestive system of a real Rana pipiens.

God is the Master Scientist. Probing the wonders of this world and moving on to explore the still unknown aspects of His creation form a fascinating subject of study.

Science students are schooled to meet problems of the present scientific age through training in the scientific method. Logical and critical thinking, systematic problem solving, and methodical organization are developed in both laboratory and classroom; both experiences combine to form in students a scientific attitude.

Progressing at their own rate of work, individual ingenuity can be displayed when students figure out technical problems involved in experiments. Personal responsibility and mental development characterize the diligent student of science.

Chemistry

-While P.A. Dondzila and C.Bustraan collect oxygen by water displacement, M. K. Oosdyke, B. Woods,and B.Sadowski demonstrate the conducting power of sulphuric acid and other electrolytes.

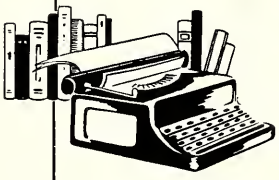
-In order to determine the percentage composition of copper oxide, S. Larson, S. Johnson, and C. Knauf reduce a weighed quantity of copper oxide by hydrogen.

-The Science Fair, which is held in the spring, moves students to prepare projects early. J. Ingersoll and L. Platte are making regeneration studies in the Planaria; N. Graham and E. Host make genetic studies on Drosophila melanogaster; M. L. Markham studies the effect of ultra-violet rays on the growth and development of fungi belonging to the Phycomycetae.

Commercial

Training in commercial subjects lends itself to more than just the starting point of a career. Whether going to work by choice or by necessity, each can like what she is doing by having training for a particular job.

A girl can spotlight success for herself by achieving skill in shorthand, typewriting, transcription, and the use of some business machines. Careers in business often are interim, prefacing matrimony and home life. Her on-the-job experiences will provide better understanding of a man's world and so make her a more interesting and understanding wife.



For the student going to college, typewriting and shorthand may prove a shortcut to long hours spent on papers and notes. Early insight into the subjects may prove an incentive for advanced training for a career in business or in the teaching field.

In preparing for work in the commercial field the girls at Mt. Mercy acquire experience in typing, shorthand and operating other office machines under the guidance of Sister M. Placide, R.S.M. Those illustrating these skills are B. Gietzen, A. Szyszko, P.Hula, C.Kaleta, T. Bailey, M. Meeter, J. Cheslock, J. Grzeszak, B. Wright, J.Gerulis, J. Pupel and M. Haraburda.

Joining L. Miller in Spanish listening are K.Felicioni, S.Gerke, J.Thiefels, R.Lewis, S.Ollis, C.Buege, C. Carter, K.Diskey, M.Leonard, J. Carter, G.Lyons, M.Ruth, D.Base, J.Gorecki, J.Graves.

The Eighth Grade language class finds the study of Spanish interesting and enjoyable. The material is conversational and keeps the girls alert. Soon they acquire a working vocabulary and quite a stock of sentences used in conversation. By a knowledge of the language, the students hope to gain a better understanding of our southern neighbors.

Gym class offers exciting experiences in competition in relays and games such as Liberty Bat Ball under the direction of Mrs. Theodora Segar.

Eighth Graders are a busy set! They enjoy many varied activities in their own quiet helpful way.

In March, new officers of the ST. THERESE MISSION CIRCLE were elected. As pictured, they are Charlotte Carter, vice-president; Jane Thiefels (who is also a reporter on THE HILLTOP NEWS) named treasurer; Kathleen Diskey, president; Laureen Miller, secretary. The main project of the year is to send packages of all types of needed articles to the missions.

ST. THERESE MISSION CIRCLE

On Mission Day, C. Carter and M. Ruth manned the HAVE A HEART FOR THE MISSIONS booth designed and prepared by S. Ollis, J. Gorecki, and J. Thiefels. Prizes were fine; income for the missions better.

MISSION DAY 1958

A favorite time of day for all is the period of chant practice. Getting ready to sing the Mass are J. Gorecki, K. Felicioni, S. Ollis, K. Diskey, J. Thiefels, M. Leonard, D. Base, G. Lyons, L. Miller, S. Gerke, under the direction of J. Carter.

Three who missed being pictured in music class:

Charlotte Carter
Margaret Ruth
Christine Buege

HILLTOP Staff members plan another issue: B.Sadowski, M.Gryga, P.L.Dondzila, G.Obiedzinski, B.Woods, B. Gietzen, J.Fochtman.

The Hilltop Staff

THE HILLTOP NEWS receives everyone's enthusiastic support as it returns to the Mount after an absence of several years.

Piloting its course in the position of editor is Barbara Sadowski. Marie Gedris serves as assistant editor. The vital work of press superintendent falls to Barbara Gietzen and that of business manager to Gloria Obiedzinski.

Reporting the news is the job of all, but Mary Lou Gryga serves as feature editor while Joyce Swierbut occupies the position of news editor.

A combination of personal notes, fashion tips, events forecasts, highlights of happenings, student opinion, all touched with a bit of humor makes every issue of THE HILLTOP NEWS eagerly awaited.

Editor B. Sadowski prepares for her editorial tasks.

Who's Who

Whispering Walls
by Mercianne

Falling Star Arouses Juniors

Freshman Viewpoint

Mercians Mourn Pope of Peace

MERCIAN Staff confers: T. Adams, J.Cheslock, P.Hula, P.A. Dondzila, J.Gerulis, B. Kanton, S.M.Alphonse, M. Meeter.

The Mercian Staff

Faculty

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Activities

Under the guiding and helpful hand of their advisor, Sister Mary Alphonse, R.S.M., the MERCIAN Staff undertakes the task of editing the Academy annual. The students soon learn that a combination of talent, initiative, ability, and work are needed to produce the Mercian.

Editor, T. Adams, and assistant editor, E. Couturier, find that writing up copy and preparing the final pages are time-consuming projects. Copy worries are forgotten as B. Kanton and B. Woods take over the typing. Page design is placed in the hands of P. Hula, art editor. She and P.A. Dondzila paste up the final copy. Under the direction of Mary Meeter, advertising manager, the staff ventures into the world of finance.

The staff strives to capture the memories of life at Mt. Mercy and to hold them for the future.

Editor T. Adams engages in many and varied occupations that have nothing to do with the yearbook!

Study Hall

Some part of the life of every student is spent in study hall. Most of the time is spent in preparation of class assignments but here and there a moment is stolen for news.

Library

The Mount Mercy Library, well equipped with information on any subject, thrives under the direction of Sister M. Stephen.

——We Pledge To Your Standards Ever High.

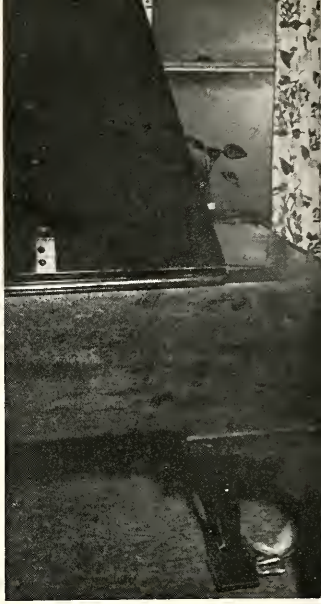
Art

One medium of self-expression meeting enthusiastic approval is art in its many phases. A new course in ceramics along with the traditional creative design, life drawing, and painting, absorbs Mercians and treats them to more of the beauty of God.

S. Badaluco experiments with the new potter's wheel, while E. Butler prepares to create a ceramic piece. M.J. Terakowski finds M. Przelomski an excellent model for life drawing.

Hours of industry result in artistic creations in every medium. The variety of displays constantly amazes the student body. And, needless to add, Mt. Mercy artists again capture ribbons in the annual Youth Talent Contest.

C. Seymour, K. Shumaker, J. Kennedy, J. Joswick, A. Bala, and M. Buffin learn the practice and theory of art principles under the direction of their advisor, Sister M. Paschal



BONNIE JO WOODS

Music is Love in search of a word.
Sidney Lanier

Music

God's love is sweet music reflected from the overflowing hearts of His musicians. The heritage of every Catholic girl is music. From the ancient days to the present the Church has been the advocate and guardian of this art. Happy voices raised in harmonious praise of God bring their owners close to Him who is the Creator of Beauty.

No music program would be complete without a Glee Club. Sparkling entertainment at various activities is provided by the Senior Mercians.

BARBARA ANN KANTON

MARY JANE TERAKOWSKI

As one of the basic principles of all sound teaching and learning today, those desiring the distinction of being named a Music Graduate must pursue the goal of becoming familiar with and developing a taste for contemporary music as well as for that of earlier periods. Thus students become familiar with the works of such composers as Scarlatti, Bach, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, Debussy and Prokofieff.

MUSIC GRADUATES of 1959 demonstrated their proficiency in public recitals. Bonnie Jo Woods, Barbara Ann Kanton, and Mary Jane Terakowski have accomplished their goal.

The Freshman division is schooled in the art of note reading and gains a valuable understanding of vocal harmonies.

Fr. Beahan, M.L. Gryga, stage manager, L.O'Hearn,assistant director, check special lighting effects.

Under the direction of Sister M. Rachelle, RSM Barbara Sadowski, Madeleine Heibel, and Toni Adams study lines and movements in rehearsal.

Senior Play

"Oh What Dreams!"

Mount Mercy's 1959 Senior Play written by Rev. Hugh Michael Beahan, proved to be a history-making success. Under the guidance of Father and the Sisters of the music, art, and speech departments, the entire senior class took part in the production. Romance, mystery and excitement combined to

Sisters - B. Kanton, R. Callanan, Toni Adams - meet the mystery of the school with tense faces and earnest resolution.

Delighting the audience with a dance number are P.A.Dondzila, M.Roszkoski, B. Wright, N. Kosmatka, C. Seymour, A. Szyszko, M. Heibel, B. Woods,

Barbara Sadowski, Joyce Swierbut, Bonnie Woods, Jacqueline Cheslock, Edith Couturier, Madeleine Heibel and Toni Adams rehearse a school room scene.

The plot emerges and conflict mounts as B. Sadowski and M. Heibel meet in excitement.

make the story of average teen-age life in an academy absorbing and fast-moving.

Cast as Marilyn, the girl with problems, was Barbara Sadowski; Jeannie, Madeleine Heibel; Jackie, Estelle Dobbins; June, Bonnie Woods; Josephine, Edith Couturier; Mary, Jacqueline Cheslock; Edna, Patricia Lou Dondzila; Betty, Joyce Swierbut; study hall students, Theresa Bailey and Mary Meeter; Sister Therese, Barbara Kanton; Sister Bridget, Rebecca Callanan; Sister Gabrielle, Toni Adams.

Dancers, under choreographer Maxine Roszkoski, were Patricia Ann Dondzila, Annette Szyszko, Nancy Kosmatka, Barbara Wright, and Carole Seymour.

The chorus included Clairice Grzeszak, Madeleine Haraburda, Audrey Mae Kiers, Justine Gerulis, Janice Grzeszak, Merrie Carol Schumaker, Patricia Hula, Carol Bustraan, Jean Fochtman, Barbara Gietzen, Joanne Pupel, Karyl Armock, and Ruth Reinhard.

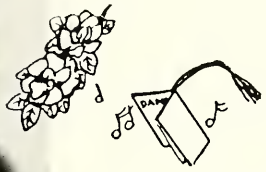
J. Swierbut, B. Sadowski, P.L. Dondzila, E. Couturier, and J. Cheslock.

T. Adams, R. Callanan, M. Heibel, E. Dobbins, B. Sadowski, and P.L. Dondzila show their joy at the satisfying conclusion of the play.

D. Hansen-Cecily, T. Adams-Gwendolyn in "The Importance of Being Earnest."

Speech Activities

Seniors R. Callanan, E. Dobbins and L. O'Hearn listen as B. Woods debates on French education.

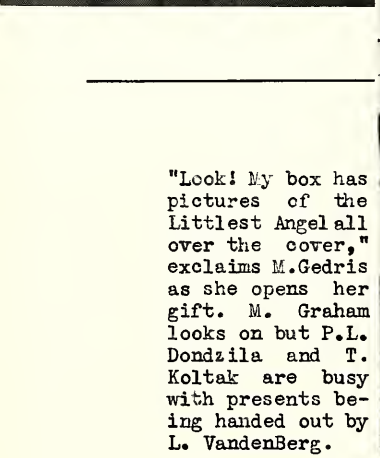


We'll Always Sing
As We Go Down Life's Way.

Under the guidance of Sister Mary Constance, R.S.M., Principal of Mount Mercy, the Student Council functions to promote high standards of honor and courtesy, acceptance of responsibility, good faculty-student relationships, and school spirit. Vice-president, Barbara Sadowski Secretary Judith Strzalko, Treasurer Mary Jane Terakowski confer with President Madeleine Heibel and Sister on some problems of moment.

Among the charitable activities sponsored by the Council is the presentation of gifts in holiday seasons. Pictured here are Alveia Bogaski and Lois Rock who are wrapping presents to be distributed at the juvenile home.

Christmas offers an annual opportunity for the very special social event of the year - the Students' Christmas Party. In the spirit with hymns, entertainment and gift-giving, Mercian unity is always clearly evident.



"Look! My box has pictures of the Littlest Angel all over the cover," exclaims M.Gedris as she opens her gift. M. Graham looks on but P.L. Dondzila and T. Koltak are busy with presents being handed out by L. VandenBerg.

STUDENT COUNCIL prepares students for the duties and responsibilities of good citizens by encouraging them to take part in student government. Projects sponsored by the Council help students develop educationally, morally, and socially. High on the list of profitable and enjoyed activities is the visit of Sister Mary Lucille, R.S.M. former principal of the Academy, who spoke on the "Merits of a Catholic College Education."

M. Kruer, R.204, magazine drive high salesman, accepts well-earned prize from Principal Sister M. Constance, R.S.M.

Inspiring speakers, Mercy graduates C.Craig '55, S.Schumaker '55, M. J. Booth accompany Sister M. Lucille.

Brush and Palette

President Patricia Ann Dondzila, Vice-president Joan Martinaitis, Treasurer Diane Brown, and Secretary Judith Kennedy, officers of the art club pose in front of a display of their handiwork.

Stressing art appreciation and history, the club enables members to develop culturally and to enrich their lives according to the high standards of true art.

M.T.A.C.

Promotion of debates, contests in public speaking, and drama appreciation is the aim of the MERCIAN THEATER ARTS CLUB.

Selection of speeches to be presented at the National Catholic Theater Conference in Detroit was the object of attention of the officers of MTAC President Mary L. Gryga, Vice-president Joyce Swierbut, Treasurer Barbara Arsulowicz, and Secretary Mary Lamoreaux.

Future Nurses Club officers N. Kosmatka, Theresa Bailey, Paula Napieralski, and Cathy Lang are busy planning the next club meeting.

Future Nurses Club

A visit to the hospital with a cheery smile and a witty story for the invalids is only one part of the Future Nursing program. Learning the requisites of a nurse and the opportunities offered by a career in this profession is the chief purpose of the Future Nurses Club.

Writers Club

R. Callanan, president of the Writers' Club, details production plans to G. Obiedzinski, A. Bogaski, and S. Quinn while K. Kampfschulte, P. Majewski, M. McDermott, S. Alt, and J. Chulski carry out assignments.

Reporters, room representatives, and copy readers are kept busy supplying the YOUTH PARADE with articles on school life. The task of keeping the newspapers informed of high school activities is generously accepted by the members of the Writers' Club.

MERCY DAY

Among the early fall activities at Mount Mercy is the observance of Mercy Day, September 24. Honoring the Patroness of Mercians, Our Lady of Mercy, as well as the Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, Mother Mary Catherine McAuley, a drama group presented a play depicting the Mercy of God's Mother. This was the first general assembly of the season.

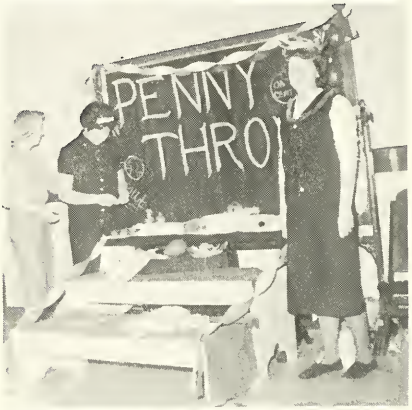
MISSION DAY

Soon after this commemorative occasion preparations began for the gala Mission event. Appearing with regularity were posters, lists of booth duties, tickets, and novel ideas.

Mission day is a fun day with a fund behind its activities. The Sodality sponsors the carnival and the proceeds are given to the Missions. Popular attractions include puppy, dart, and penny booths. True Mercy mission spirit runs high on this day.

Penny . . . Sister Mary Rachelle wins puppy raffled by Sophomores.

The sophomores portray kindergarteners in action for their contribution to the fine talent contest.



B. Robach, M. J. Terakowski and P. Makowski guard their pennies well.

Operators are L. Coffey, S. Schuitema, S. Larson, and J. Robinson.

K. Lang, P. Napieralski, S. Craig, M. Graham, and L. Maggini demonstrate the talent of the Juniors.

A snake in school! Well, it's only a play. Sister (B.Arsulowicz) doesn't accept Student's(K.Kampfschulte) gift.

Nancy (E.Couturier) begs God for help to follow her vocation. Mother (M. Gedris) enters unnoticed.

FOUNDATION DAY is commemorated at the Mount with the presentation of a play, "Lovest Thou Me". The far-reaching effect of the Sisters of Mercy, established by Mother Mary Catherine McAuley, is dramatized by the Mercian Theater Arts Club.

Displaying cafeteria moods are
S. Felicioni
M. McDermott
J. Stokes
P. Hotovy
K. Gietzen
J. Joswick.

BITS THAT COUNT

T. Adams, M. L. Gryga, B. Woods

Dinner time, visiting time, and study time are all parts of the noon hour. Good food is so enjoyable when it's spiced with pleasant conversation.

Homeward bound Mercians bundle up against the icy blasts of winter but chances of getting chilled are poor. The bus waits at the school door to deliver students to various destinations.

Dance Dates

A gay party mood pervades the school as students prepare for the dances. Only half the fun is in the going. Planning, publicizing, and preparing prove almost as exciting as the events.

Of course, for the gayest party mood and music to suit, everyone looks back to the Sodality-YCS-sponsored "Bonfire Bop". Why? Because Father Michael was the notable disc-jockey. Yes, record crowd and records add up to successful initiation of the school party season.

Making sure everyone is aware of their dance, juniors made king-size records of cardboard to serve as posters, broadcasting the theme "June in January". Alumnae Hall became a dream land with June flowers growing out of snow balls. B.Waters, chairman, lends a hand as C.Krieger, J. Martinaitis, M. Preston, and M.B. Kennedy prepare an eye-catching bulletin board.

Long to be remembered is the Senior "Starlight Interlude". Days of preparation ended in a heavenly atmosphere for dancing to Tom Zoloaras' orchestra music. Decorating in a starlight theme are J. Grzeszak, N. Kosmatka, C. Grzeszak, J. Gerulis, and their helpers.

Junior · Senior Banquet

SAYONARA

Memories of the Junior-Senior Banquet linger as the theme - SAYONARA - is repeated in so many farewell activities in the last months of high school. Delicious dinner, delightful decorations, laugh-provoking prophecies, uproarious will and testament, all join together to make a happy evening and even draw a tear or two. The Junior Class finds its final opportunity in this event to honor their favorite upperclassmen. Good food, good fellowship, then good-bye. . . and this is SAYONARA.

Hapee Welcome
Cherry Blossom
Oh! Wise Ones
Pogoda Gong
Speake Too Muchee
Tea For Two
Coolie Givie
I Dancee Muchee
Kolow To Our Honored Seniors
Sayonara

Festivity planners busily discussing arrangements are: Marilyn Covell, Donna Meyer, Judith Strzalko who chaired the event, Joan Martinaitis, Charlotte Kozlowski, and Marie Gedris.

Prom

Linda O'Hearn passes inspection as her mother, Mrs. Robert E. O'Hearn, approves her daughter's prom loveliness.

All ready for dancing and "Never Before" are Joseph Kukawski, Therese Koltak, Jacqueline Cheslock, Paul Nalbach, Patricia Ann Dondzila, and Ronald Bickel.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The Blythefield Country Club . . . decked out in white . . . through bright windows, streams of mellow light . . . It's all like a dream, a wondrous fairy tale . . . once to be lived. . .always to retell.

Diamonds spill across the sky. . . a carpet of emerald is the lawn . . . Old friends look different in a glorious kind of way. . .each lass in clouds of soft color . . . spring-like and gay.

Escorts steady dates' trembling hands...in a moment. . .fairyland. Suddenly swirling, whirling in a hurricane of time . . .unwary. . . carefree . . . a night sublime.

And so it ends. Now and forever, I have but the memory . . .of the Senior Prom . . . NEVER BEFORE.

by Maxine Roszkoski '59

ORCHIDS TO . . .

Ruth Reinhard who chaired the successful dance event assisted by Mary Meeter who had charge of decorations; Barbara Gietzen, tickets; Edith Couturier, band; Theresa Bailey, programs; Patti Ann Dondzila, chaperones; Patricia Dondzila, publicity.

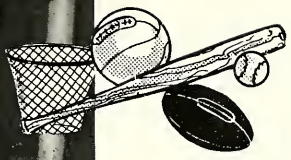
Mary Meeter and Edward DeDinas see that the "Never Before" corsage is just right.

SENIORS FETED AT ALUMNAE BREAKFAST

All graduating students carry with them the cherished memory of some particular incident occurring during their school days. As members of the Mount Mercy Alumnae Association, they are given the opportunity to renew old friendships, discuss class days, and visit the school where they spent so many happy hours.

The induction of the Seniors in to the Alumnae is an annual event taking place at a Christmas Breakfast. Eagerly accepting this honor, the graduating seniors look forward to remaining a part of Mount Mercy always.

Pictured are Rose Jarosz, chairman of the event, Philomena Medlin Glovick, toastmistress, Patricia Mooney Chicklon, Association president; Dorothy O'Donnell Goggins and her daughter, Mary Jo--an alumnae mother-daughter team--entertained and accompanied the carolers. Singing are C.Kaleta,G. Obiedzinski, B. Woods, R. Callanan and E. Couturier. Helping behind the scenes are Sister M. Claver,L. VandenBerg, V.Benzer, and S.Larson.



Onward To Victory!

Physical Education

G.A.A.

G.A.A. officers M. Schumaker, S. Craig, P.L. Dondzila, and G. Bartz plan the volley ball schedule.

Good sportsmanship builds fair-minded individuals. A wholesome outlook on life, as well as a healthy body is the aim of the physical education class. There is never a dull moment at the Girls Athletic Association volley ball games. Competition is keen and spirits rise and fall in keeping with the score as the opposing teams battle on toward victory.

Exercise may bring a bit of exhaustion but it is nothing compared with the physical fitness felt after a limbering up period.

Dancing, relays, baseball and other activities all help to make the gym program an interesting one.

Sophomore girls line up in squads to be checked for attendance at gym.

Girls in Senior gym practice their exercises under the direction of Mrs. Theodora Hunt Segar.

The game is on, and the Juniors test their skill in volley ball before competing with the Seniors.

"Just a moment please." says Mrs. K. Seymour, switchboard operator at Mt. Mercy.

Auxiliaries To Education

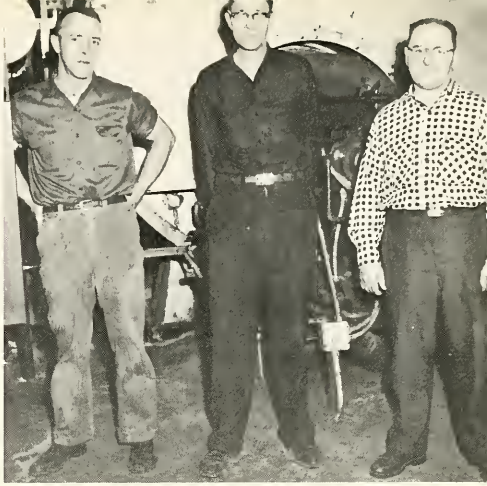
As much a part of school as books and pencils and indispensable to the functioning of education are these behind the scene workers.

A collected mind in an emergency, a teacher in office practice, and a detective when a misplaced person is sought is our switchboard operator, Mrs. Seymour.

Business thrives at the Bookstore. This handy accessory to education not only places school day tools at the fingertips of the students but also furnishes the materials needed for between time snacks.

Gloria Obiedzinski gives Merrie Carol Schumaker her money's worth in 'tater chips as other Seniors crowd the bookstore awaiting their turn.

The crew that keeps the school in shape stand duty to repair or renew anything in need of fixing or replacement. During the stormy winters, they also volunteer their services to anyone caught in a snowbank.



Sister Mary Claver, the "chef" at Mount Mercy, takes loving care in preparing the meals for the Mercians, who are grateful and thankful for her motherly qualities.

As important as the girders of the building is the maintenance crew. Keeping the school warm, the corridors clean, the lights working and a host of other duties unknown, are all projects of these men. Our thanks to Mr. Adolph Mikulenas, Mr. Theodore Scheidel and Mr. Louis Scheidel.

Satisfying young appetites is a full scale task. The Food Staff sees that nutricious meals are planned, prepared and presented to hungry students. Credit must be given to the dishwashers for rendering daily service cheerfully.

Clara Hormuth and Mrs. George Bunn help prepare the food, Cassie Pasikowski and Stephanie Pylypozuk distribute it, and Ethel Simmons smilingly accepts her job of keeping the dishes clean.

Farewell

The year 1958-1959 has been a momentous one. Events too numerous to be contained in the pages of one yearbook have dotted our days. There are bright memories and sad ones, joyful and sorrowful days, work and fun to be remembered.

SEPTEMBER - School started...new dismissal hour of 3:15...a new Chaplain in the person of Father Beahan...THE HILLTOP NEWS revived after seven years...

OCTOBER - Pope Pius XII died...Pope John XXIII elected...

NOVEMBER - Fr. Beahan to Rome for the coronation...Estelle Dobbins a pilgrim too...Winter before November was over...snow!...snow!

DECEMBER - Retreat before Christmas...

JANUARY - The anticipated year 1959 arrived!

FEBRUARY - Father wrote the famous OH, WHAT DREAMS!...seniors - action!...lines,songs, dance routines...

MARCH - A noted Mercian Alumna died--Mother M. Maurice, R.S.M., Mother General of the Sisters of Mercy...Art and Science Fair... enormous crowds!

APRIL - Spring...the play...plans...

MAY - Mary's month...the crowning... Prom-NEVER BEFORE...Banquet - SAYONARA...

JUNE - Graduation Day dawns and Farewell...

May God reward all those who helped make 1958-1959 an unsurpassed memory.

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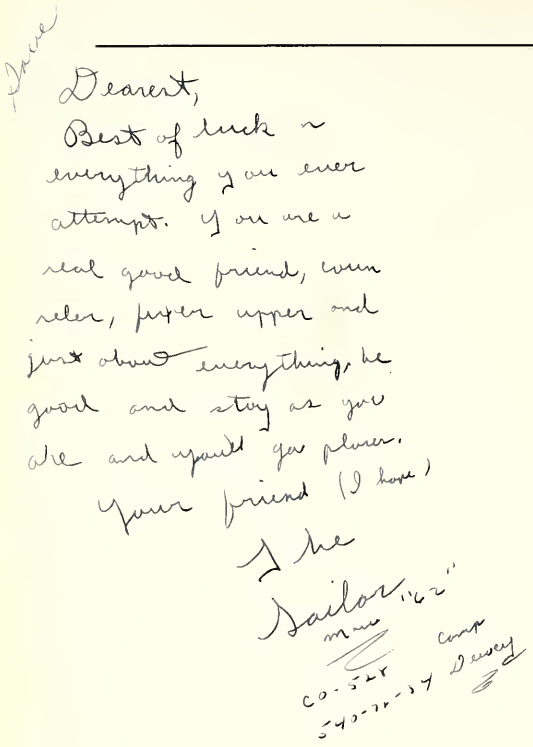
Dearest,
Best of luck ~
everything you ever
attempt. If you are a
real good friend, com
rade, pipe upper and
just about everything, be
good and stay as you
are and spank the plums.
Your friend (I hope)
The
Sailor
"6-2"
mine
CO-522
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Camp Dewey

Dear Dianne,

Well now that this year is almost over, I don't think I'll be seeing very much of any of you. These art classes have been fun what with the music and all. Have fun this summer and don't work too hard.

Always
Mary.

Dear Dianne,

Another year is gone. Boo Hoo. We have had a panic here and there and then there were times that... I could go over all that bit about swamp houses, matchsticks, horse and buggy rides, pizzas at 11 P.M., taking wheels off trucks, and writing "I was here" on the highway, but I said all that last year.

I hope we can get to go out to Grand Haven this summer 'cause I know you and I could find a hundred things to get in to.

Take it easy on Eric, Chuck, Brand and... and... what is his name... Ray. Joe and I will have to double with yours sometime.

Be a good girl and don't do anything I wouldn't do.

God Bless You

Mary Joyce

(alias) your friend

Dear Dianne,
Over stay close to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and He'll take your happiness in His hands. God love you always, all ways.
Mary Linda
"61"

Dear Dianne,
Congratulations to you! You made a wonderful Time Pres. Have loads of fun this summer, but don't fail to hand on "Raymond"! I'll pray your life always be filled with happiness
Love
Sharon Lawson '61

Dear Dianne,
I hope we have some classes together next year. Have fun this summer and I hope I'll see you next Fall. always,
LaDora

Dear Diane,
Good Luck with Ray and Art?
Nancy Parrett

Dear Diane,
Luck to a real
Always. Be good - like
you always are & keep
smiling xx — Love,
Jean Sigmund

Dear Dianne,
Have a great
summer and
don't forget
to write
me.
Love,
Judy